

## 2-6 Infantry 'Gators' take bite out of crime

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LATIFIYAH, Iraq – Soldiers from Task Force 1st Armored Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team and Iraqi Civil Defense Corps members took the offensive against suspected insurgents recently, picking up six targets in 2nd BCT's area of responsibility.

The "Gators" of 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment took two companies of Soldiers into the town of Latifiyah to stake out and raid up to 15 targets that intelligence reports identified as active in anti-Coalition efforts.

One of the targeted buildings was a mosque and 2-6 Infantry leaders made sure to treat the sacred structure with respect. The Iraqi troops were the only ones to enter the mosque, wearing plastic coverings over their boots to ensure they did not desecrate the holy site. Soldiers and ICDC troops searched the imam's house next to the mosque and discovered documents detailing anti-Coalition activity.



**A member of the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps searches a cabinet at a mosque during a raid in Latifiya, Iraq.**

"I think what we found at the mosque helped to confirm information that we had, and gave us new indications of future, planned activities that we'll look into," said Lt. Col. T.C. Williams, 2-6 Infantry's commander. "We took a good chunk out of the guys responsible for the majority of enemy activity in Mahmoudiya and Latifiyah."

A local sheik was also informed about the raid and observed the ICDC and Coalition Soldiers in action.

"The ICDC performed superbly," said Williams. "They were systematic in their entry to the mosque and in their search techniques. Bringing the sheik and ICDC to the mosque should avoid any misinformation that could be spread by the enemy."

The Gators, stationed at Forward Operating Base St. Michel, south of Baghdad, carefully planned the operation to capture the targets simultaneously to take full advantage of the element of surprise.

The raid went off without a hitch.

"Every one of these missions that's quiet is a good one," Williams said. "You go in with plenty of combat power, which certainly discourages the 'bad guys' from doing anything."

Part of the search included dog handlers from a civilian K-9 contractor, who brought their explosive detecting canine partners to various raid sites to sniff out bomb-making materials.

The battalion's civil affairs team helped control the populace's reaction to the searches by providing invention to the community.

"Tonight we're here to ensure that the Iraqis understand the reason why we had to search the mosque," said Sgt. Kevin R. Sattler, civil affairs specialist with the 425th Civil Affairs Battalion. "We want them to understand why the mosque loses its protected status when (the enemy) use it for military operations."

"More than just letting them know why, though, we want people in the community to understand it's their responsibility not to let the mosque be used in that manner," he added.

Since anti-Coalition materials were



**Capt. Andrew L. Chenowith, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment intelligence officer, inspects a document in an imam's home while Lt. Col. T.C. Williams, 2-6 Infantry commander observes.**

taken from the target sites – including the mosque – the citizens of the towns should take it upon themselves to ensure the safety of their homes by not allowing insurgent activity to take place in their "backyards," Sattler continued.

The raid did not net all the fish the Gators were trying to catch, Williams said; but the battalion did hook nine suspects: six of the targeted individuals, plus three others who tested positive for having been involved with explosives.

"Now (having more insurgents off the streets) gives us the opportunity to do projects in a more secure environment," said Williams.

The raid certainly wasn't the first performed by 2-6. But after more than a year in Iraq, the Soldiers remain focused on the mission.

"The Soldiers still approach every one of these missions with the same attention to detail, the same intensity as the first ones," Williams said. "That kind of (stuff) makes a commander proud."



## Quote of the Day...

*"Success is a journey not a destination. The doing is usually more important than the outcome. Not everyone can be Number 1."*

-- Arthur Robert Ashe, Jr. (b. 1943), American tennis champion, AIDS activist



Command Sgt. Maj. David Davenport receives the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment, colors from Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Charles Williams during the 1-1 Cavalry change of responsibility ceremony at Camp Slayer in Baghdad, Iraq, June 13. Davenport returned to the squadron after serving as the Task Force 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division Operations sergeant major throughout the past year. (Photo by Spc. Andrew Meissner.)

## Oddly Enough...

### Smart Border Collie Basks in Limelight

BERLIN (Reuters) - A border collie that scientists say may be proof that dogs truly understand human language laps up media attention, but lets his owners do the talking.

German researchers who have studied Rico for several years say he shows a skill, normal in young children, to form a rough meaning of a new word.

Rico developed his skills while laid low for nearly a year after a shoulder operation, with owner Susanne Baus trying to engage his mind and let his body rest.

Rico won the German "Wetten Dass" (Wanna Bet?) TV program for weird talents five years ago and went on to be voted the best performer in the show's first 20 years.

## Chaplain's Thought for the Day...

### Doing Good

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow" -- when you now have it with you.

Proverbs 3:27-28.

## Today in History...

(Historynet.com)

**1645**

Oliver Cromwell's army routs the king's army at Naseby.

**1775**

The U.S. Army is founded when the Continental Congress authorizes the muster of troops.

**1777**

The Continental Congress authorizes the "stars and stripes" flag for the new United States.

**1864**

At the Battle of Pine Mountain, Georgia, Confederate General Leonidas Polk is killed by a Union shell.

**1922**

President Warren G. Harding becomes the first president to speak on the radio.

**1927**

Nicaraguan President Porfirio Diaz signs a treaty with the U.S. allowing American intervention in his country.

**1940**

German forces occupy Paris.

**1942**

The Supreme Court rules that requiring students to salute the American flag is unconstitutional.

**1944**

Boeing B-29 bombers conduct their first raid against mainland Japan.

**1945**

Burma is liberated by the British.

**1954**

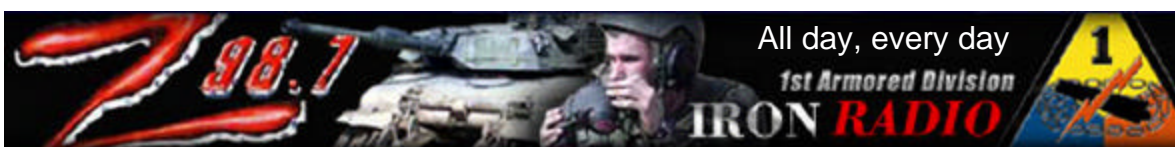
Americans take part in the first nation-wide civil defense test against atomic attack.

**1965**

A military triumvirate takes control in Saigon, South Vietnam.

**1982**

Argentina surrenders to the United Kingdom ending the Falkland Islands War.





# For your Information...



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On the fourteenth day of June in 1775, the Continental Congress established our Army. In the 229 years since that day, our Army has proven itself on countless battlefields as liberty's best friend and oppression's worst foe.

Since its birth—over a year before the Declaration of Independence—the United States Army has played a vital role in the growth and development of the American nation. From winning our new nation's independence in a tough eight-year fight, to preserving the Union through the tortuous struggle of the Civil War, through the global conflicts of the 20th Century, our citizens can draw great satisfaction from knowing that whenever the nation was in need, our Army answered the call.

Sixty years ago, in the Army's birth month of June 1944, our brave Soldiers stormed ashore at Normandy to begin the final thrust to liberate Western Europe. While that beachhead was expanding, our Soldiers liberated Rome, made gains against Japanese invaders in New Guinea, struggled against terrain, weather and a tough enemy in Burma, and reinforced the U.S. Marine Corps on Saipan. We celebrate our veterans of 1944 on this 229th Army birthday, as we also celebrate the service of our younger U.S. veterans who fought in Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other conflicts.

Today's Army is the greatest land fighting force in the history of the world. This spring, we completed the largest troop movement since World War II, while continuing our engagement in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Our Army is serving in more than 120 countries, conducting missions across the spectrum of conflict from humanitarian assistance to combat operations. While at war, we are continuing to change our Army to meet the needs of the current and future strategic environment.

Our Army is strong, and this strength comes from our greatest asset: the American Soldier, whose courage, compassion, and determination have for generations been the bedrock upon which our victories have depended. In all that the Army has accomplished, and all that it will be called upon to do, the American Soldier remains the single most important factor in our success.

We are proud of you, our Army family—Soldiers, civilians, retirees, veterans, and your families, and you are always foremost in our prayers and in our actions. Thank you for your service, for your sacrifices, and for your steadfast devotion to duty. Your courage, dedication, and selfless service to the nation are the hallmarks of the United States Army.

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Peter J. Schoomaker  
General, United States Army  
Chief of Staff

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Les Brownlee  
Acting Secretary of the  
Army

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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRIUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	KOREA	Star Time
0:00		SPORTSCENTER	HILL STREET BLUES (TVPG):- THE WORLD ACCORDING TO FREEDOM	ESPNEWS	TIM RUSSETT	ESPNEWS	0:00
0:30	ESPNEWS			ESPNEWS		ESPNEWS	0:30
1:00	BASEBALL TONIGHT	HEADLINE NEWS	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY):- WHERE THE GAUCHOS ROAM	SESAME STREET	FOX REPORT	SESAME STREET	1:00
1:30		SEINFELD (TV14):- THE STALL	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY7):- SURVIVAL OF THE IDIOTS / DUMPED				1:30
2:00	MLB - LOS ANGELES DODGERS @ BOSTON RED SOX	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BART GETS AN ELEPHANT	DORA THE EXPLORER (TVY): - POR FAVOR!	THIS WEEK	DORA THE EXPLORER (TVY): - POR FAVOR!	2:00
2:30		NBA HANGTIME	HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - BECAUSE SHE'S THERE	NBA HANGTIME		NBA HANGTIME	2:30
3:00		NBA - FINALS GM 4: LOS ANGELES LAKERS @ DETROIT PISTONS	AVERAGE JOE: HAWAII (TV14):- THE GROUP DATES BEGIN!	NBA - FINALS GM 4: LOS ANGELES LAKERS @ DETROIT PISTONS	DATeline INTERNATIONAL	NBA - FINALS GM 4: LOS ANGELES LAKERS @ DETROIT PISTONS	3:00
4:00			LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT (TV14): - CARE		60 MINUTES		4:00
5:00	SPORTSCENTER		MONSTER GARAGE (TVPG): - TUNDRA/TORATOR		CNN PRESENTS		5:00
5:30		AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):	5:30
6:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE NEW DETECTIVES (TV14): - MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CASEBOOK	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	LARRY KING LIVE	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	6:00
6:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):	6:25
6:30	BASEBALL TONIGHT	ESPNEWS					6:30
7:00		SESAME STREET	REMEMBER THE TITANS		CNN SUNDAY NIGHT		7:00
7:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):	7:13
7:30	SPORTSCENTER						7:30
8:00		DORA THE EXPLORER (TVY): - POR FAVOR!		LILO & STITCH: THE ANIMATED SERIES (TVG): - 627	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	DATeline NBC	8:00
8:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		DIGIMON: DIGITAL MONSTERS (TVY7): - PRINCESS KARAOKE		DIGIMON: DIGITAL MONSTERS (TVY7): - PRINCESS KARAOKE	8:30
9:00	MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER - CHICAGO FIRE @ LA GALAXY	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY):- WHERE THE GAUCHOS ROAM	I SPY (TVY): - A RACE IN A HIGH-FLYING PLACE/HOME RUN RUN	BELTWAY BOYS	I SPY (TVY): - A RACE IN A HIGH-FLYING PLACE/HOME RUN RUN	9:00
9:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY7):- SURVIVAL OF THE IDIOTS / DUMPED	EVEN STEVENS (TVG): - EASY CRIER	FOX NEWS WATCH	ROCKET POWER (TVY): - SNOW DAY	9:30
9:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):					9:46
10:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BART GETS AN ELEPHANT	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	BULLS & BEARS	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	10:00
10:30			HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - BECAUSE SHE'S THERE	HEADLINE NEWS	CAVUTO ON BUSINESS	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):	10:30
10:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):					10:35
11:00	U.S. OLYMPIC TRIALS - DIVING		AVERAGE JOE: HAWAII (TV14):- THE GROUP DATES BEGIN!	ESPNEWS	DATeline NBC	ESPNEWS	11:00
11:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):					11:17
11:30				PACIFIC REPORT		ADVISORY BLOCK	11:30
12:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT (TV14): - CARE	60 MINUTES	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	60 MINUTES	12:00
12:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):					12:30
13:00		TODAY	MONSTER GARAGE (TVPG): - TUNDRA/TORATOR	COLD CASE (TV14):- LOVE CONQUERS AL	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	COLD CASE (TV14):- LOVE CONQUERS AL	13:00
13:30	NASCAR NEXTEL CUP SERIES - POCONO 500						13:30
14:00			THE NEW DETECTIVES (TV14): - MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CASEBOOK	WITHOUT A TRACE (TVPG): - VICTORY FOR HUMANITY		WITHOUT A TRACE (TVPG): - VICTORY FOR HUMANITY	14:00
15:00		LILO & STITCH: THE ANIMATED SERIES (TVG): - 627	REMEMBER THE TITANS	PACIFIC REPORT	HEADLINE NEWS	PACIFIC REPORT	15:00
15:30		DIGIMON: DIGITAL MONSTERS (TVY7):- PRINCESS KARAOKE		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	15:30
16:00		I SPY (TVY): - A RACE IN A HIGH-FLYING PLACE/HOME RUN RUN			THE EARLY SHOW		16:00
16:30		EVEN STEVENS (TVG): - EASY CRIER		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):	16:30
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY):- WHERE THE GAUCHOS ROAM				17:00
17:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY7):- SURVIVAL OF THE IDIOTS / DUMPED	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	17:30
18:00		ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BART GETS AN ELEPHANT	BATTLEGROUND	FOX NEWS LIVE	BATTLEGROUND	18:00
18:30	BASEBALL TONIGHT	HEADLINE NEWS	HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - BECAUSE SHE'S THERE				18:30
19:00		60 MINUTES	AVERAGE JOE: HAWAII (TV14):- THE GROUP DATES BEGIN!		DATeline NBC		19:00
19:30	NBA - FINALS GM 4: LOS ANGELES LAKERS @ DETROIT PISTONS						19:30
20:00		COLD CASE (TV14): - LOVE CONQUERS AL	LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT (TV14): - CARE		FOX NEWS LIVE		20:00
20:15				HELL IS FOR HEROES		HELL IS FOR HEROES	20:15
21:00		WITHOUT A TRACE (TVPG): - VICTORY FOR HUMANITY	MONSTER GARAGE (TVPG): - TUNDRA/TORATOR		HEADLINE NEWS		21:00
21:30					INSIDE POLITICS		21:30
22:00	BASEBALL TONIGHT	HEADLINE NEWS	THE NEW DETECTIVES (TV14): - MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CASEBOOK	ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST		ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST	22:00
22:30	SPORTSCENTER	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):		HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	22:30
23:00	AROUND THE HORN		REMEMBER THE TITANS	TODAY	LESTER HOLT LIVE	TODAY	23:00
23:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):					23:30